

## DENIES HAVING MURDERED WIFE

Junius Williamson, in Petersburg, Protests His Innocence of the Crime.

## CITY QUIET POLITICALLY

Normal Democratic Vote Will Be Polled—Named Assistant Police Justice.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 100 North Main Street, Petersburg, Va., November 1. Chief of Police Hagland and Detective Heelan arrived home early this morning, having in custody Junius A. Williamson, who besides the crime of bigamy and forgery, for which he has been indicted, is suspected of having murdered his young wife in this city in June last by the administration of arsenic. Williamson escaped from the jail here several months ago and fled from the State. He was heard of at several points in the West and was finally located at Fort Russell, in Wyoming, having enlisted in the United States Army. He was arrested there and surrendered to the Virginia authorities and was brought back in his army uniform. Williamson strenuously denies having poisoned his wife, and there is only strong circumstantial evidence to connect him with this crime.

Fully 1,000 people went to the depot yesterday afternoon, expecting to get a glimpse of him.

**Assistant Justice Appointed.**  
Upon request of Police Justice Chas. E. Plummer, Judge Mullen has appointed Richard D. Gilliam, a well-known lawyer, as Assistant Police Justice. Mr. Gilliam's duties will be to preside in the Police Court in the absence from any cause of Police Justice Plummer. He is an experienced lawyer, and the appointment is considered a good one.

**Petersburg Teachers Abroad.**  
The records of the Petersburg High School and of the local colleges are doing good work abroad. Five of these representatives are teaching in Richmond, five in Norfolk, several in Newport News and several in Roanoke, and many are at the head of schools in the various counties. In the higher education Petersburg has its representatives in the Universities of Virginia, Alabama, Missouri and in the large colleges of many States.

**Serious Street Affray.**  
An affray somewhat serious in its results occurred Saturday evening on Pearl Street between Samuel and Charles Palmer, brothers, and J. N. Winn. The last named was quite severely beaten, but he used his knife to good effect in inflicting three or four cuts on Samuel Palmer. The case could not be heard in the Police Court this morning because of the inability of the parties to appear.

**Personal and Otherwise.**  
Mrs. R. E. Gill is seriously ill at her home on High Street. Oakwood Camp, Woodmen of the World, unveiled handsome monuments to two of its departed members in Blandford Cemetery Sunday afternoon. Henry Robins and C. W. Perkins. About 150 members of the camp, headed by a band of music, marched over to the cemetery to participate in the memorial ceremonies, which were of an interesting character. An eloquent oration was delivered by W. H. Fairley of Portsmouth.

The political situation here, on the eve of election day, is very quiet, but it is believed that quite a full vote will be polled to-morrow, with the usual

**D**URING November thousands of families will act upon our suggestion to eat Quaker Oats every day for the thirty days of this month, omitting from their daily diet a corresponding amount of greasy foods.

The grocers will make special displays of Quaker Oats to remind you to try this.

This thirty days' trial will reward you with improved health and reduced table expenses, and will give you good reason for eating Quaker Oats every day in the year.

Regular size package 10 cents

**The Quaker Oats Company**  
CHICAGO

majority for the Democratic ticket. The Republicans have been confidently expecting accessions to their ranks from the Democrats, but it is thought that the charges against Captain Kent will prevent many from voting for him.

Rev. L. Kantor, for the past five or six years rabbi of the Orthodox Hebrew Congregation in this city, left to-day for Pocomoke, to accept pastoral charge of a congregation there.

Mrs. V. B. Balle and children, of North Carolina, formerly of this city, are guests at the home of J. E. White, on Liberty Street.

## IS INVESTIGATING DEFUNCT BANK

Jury Considering Whether Officers and Directors Are Criminally Responsible.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, Va., November 1.—Is there any criminal liability on the part of officers, directors or employees of the failed Traders' and Bankers' Bank? Is a question that the grand jury of the Corporation Court is investigating behind closed doors. It is expected that the investigation—and it is to be thorough—will occupy the attention of the jury for several days.

**Will Be Thorough.**  
The trend and real extent to which the jury will go in the investigation, led by Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton, is of course, not for the public to know. The jury reports to the court. Mr. Tilton declares that it will be thorough and searching.

To prove the deposit of money in the failed bank on the eve of its collapse, a Miss Cromwell was in court to-day as a witness. It was explained that Joshua Cromwell, her kinsman, would be called upon to testify later in the same connection, and she retired. Her father was in court also. He was about to be sworn as a witness, when a lady explained that it was Joshua Cromwell who was the witness, and her father left together.

## SEEKING MONEY FOR DAVIDSON

Effort Being Made in State for Larger Endowment—News of Raleigh.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALPHIGH, N. C., November 1.—At the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning the Sunday school was thronged, the occasion being the farewell to Herbert W. Jackson, for several years superintendent of one of the Sunday schools of this city. A number of teachers from other Sunday schools were present, representing several denominations. A silver service was presented to the retiring superintendent, who this week goes to Richmond to become the president of a prominent bank. The presentation speech was made by Alfred A. Thompson, a former superintendent.

At the Presbyterian Church a very strong talk was made by the agent of Davidson College, which is so anxious to bring its endowment to a good figure. It having now nearly \$100,000, while Trinity has \$600,000, and Wake Forest, \$400,000. It is this lack of endowment which makes Davidson so expensive to students. It leads to other colleges in the State in the number of its collegiate students.

**Farmers' Congress.**  
To-day the vanguard of delegates to the Farmers' National Congress began to arrive here, the first coming from West Virginia. Various officers of the congress will be here Wednesday, ready for the session which begins Thursday morning in the auditorium at the A. and M. College. A precise program has not yet been announced, but Ambassador Bryce will speak there that morning.

**Persons and Briefs.**  
To-morrow the judging of the Wake corn for \$300 in prizes will be done by the committee, Mr. A. Graham, P. Parker and F. A. Olds. Some fine crops were produced.

Dr. Zollieffer, of Weldon, is here and is making preliminary arrangements for laymen's day at the North

Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference here. He says there will be at least 700 laymen at this meeting. Charters have been granted to the Winston Investment Company, capital stock, \$50,000. The Kerr Bleaching and Finishing Works at Concord is authorized to increase its paid-up stock \$40,000, and the Motor and Machine Company, Red Springs, \$25,000.

Already there has been gathered at the State penitentiary farm, near Weldon, over 500 bales of cotton, and at least 500 more will be gathered, so that the crop will be nearly up to the record.

The arrangement of exhibits for the Farmers' National Congress of corn, truck, fruit, grapes, etc., in the State Museum has begun and will be very striking. Some of the finest corn shown is from Wake and Transylvania counties.

State Demonstrator C. B. Parker has returned from the State penitentiary where various farmer institutes were held. The attendance and interest were all that could be desired, and the crops very good.

**TABLETS ARE UNVEILED.**  
Presented to Richmond County by Four Healed Patients.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., November 1.—At Richmond county court at Warsaw to-day, oil paintings of General Robert E. Lee and one of General Stonewall Jackson were donated to the county by P. H. Mayo, of Richmond. Two handsome tablets were also presented and unveiled, bearing the names of the clerks of the court for Richmond county from 1692 to 1899 inclusive, and the other, the names of the Kings and Queens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Commonwealth attorneys of the county from Colonial days to the present. The first tablet was given by John A. Brokenshaw, N. J. T. J. Warner, J. T. Raines, J. S. Jeffries and D. H. Thomas, of Baltimore. The other was given by the O. T. Hammill Company, of Pleasantville, N. J. The unveiling ceremony was presided over by J. W. Chinn, Jr., presented one tablet, and A. U. Wellford the other tablet. Rev. George W. Beale and O. S. Shackelford accepted them in behalf of the county.

**BEAT PUPIL TO DEATH.**  
Colored Schoolteacher Given Eighteen Years in Penitentiary.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
MONTROSS, Va., November 1.—Robert Johnson, colored teacher of a public school in Cople District, was to-day convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to serve eighteen years in the penitentiary. Johnson, a colored man, was charged with the murder of a white boy, Wright, in the Westmoreland Circuit Court. The crime for which Johnson is convicted was the brutal beating of his pupil, Mary Thompson, aged seven years, from the effects of which the child died.

**SOUTHERN FIRE DISSOLVES.**  
Stockholders of Company Will Realize About 50 Per Cent.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., November 1.—The stockholders of the Southern Fire Insurance Company to-day, in called meeting, adopted the recommendation of the directors that the company be dissolved. The business of the company was resumed in September, and it is understood that the stockholders will realize 50 per cent. or more of their holdings.

**FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.**  
One Man Killed and Another Injured in Lee County.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BRISTOL, Va., November 1.—A special from Pennington Gap states that A. J. Deaton was instantly killed and William Carroll seriously injured by a boiler explosion at Purcell, Lee county, Va. Deaton, who recently resided in Breathitt county, Ky., is survived by his wife and one child.

**Lynchburg Bond Issue.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., November 1.—The Council Committee on Finance to-day decided to ask the City Council to make the rate of interest 4-1/2 instead of 5 per cent. in the proposed issue of \$100,000 to be issued for municipal improvements. This will receive little or no opposition in the Council. It is understood that the committee is offering about 7 for the 4s, and considerably above par for the 4-1/2s.

**ATTACKED BY NEGRO.**

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., November 1.—Last night about 8 o'clock as Mrs. Archie Burton, of Stafford county, was coming downstairs at her home, she was attacked by a negro. Mrs. Burton fought her assailant with all her strength, and his screams brought neighbors to the house. Their approach scared the negro away. Burton was absent. There is no clue to the negro's identity.

**FIVE BURNED TO DEATH; FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED**

Aged Man, Children and Grandchildren Cremated in Rooms Over Negro Restaurant in Raleigh County, West Virginia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 1.—George Hood, aged seventy years; his son, "Wash," aged thirty-five; his daughter, aged twenty-seven, and a granddaughter, aged twenty-seven, and a granddaughter, aged twelve, were cremated in their home, next to a flagstone on the Virginia Railway, ten miles west of Luster, in Raleigh county, at an early hour Sunday night. The house was a two-story building, a negro restaurant in the first story. The Hood family occupied the second. Every indication points to foul play.

## BOY OF TWELVE RESCUES THREE

Robert Harris Takes Small Children From Burning House at Lawyers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., November 1.—The home of P. C. Withers, at Lawyers, eleven miles south of Lynchburg, was destroyed last night, the fire being started by the explosion of a lamp during the absence of the father and mother, who were at church.

Three small children were rescued by Robert Harris, a twelve-year-old lad, who had been left in care of them, but everything in the house was burned. This family lost its home last April by fire, and Withers, knowing he had lost his all when he returned from church, embraced his children and expressed the deepest gratitude for their safety. The little town is wild over the courage displayed by the Harris boy.

**WILL SHORTEN SCHEDULE.**

**Better Passenger Connections Between Wilmington, N. C., and New York.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WILMINGTON, N. C., November 1.—In response to the earnest petitions of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, the Atlantic Coast Line has decided to shorten the schedule between New York and Wilmington six hours, and between Wilmington and New York forty-five minutes. By the new arrangement passengers coming to Wilmington will not have to remain all night at Rocky Mount, as this train will leave New York at 2:25 P. M. instead of a 9:25 A. M., as now. The new schedule goes into effect November 5.

**Mad Dog Scare at Gate City.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
GATE CITY, Va., November 1.—On October 23 a fine bird dog belonging to H. A. Morrison, was taken with hydrophobia on the street and bit the little son of R. H. Wisley on the ear and the little son of Dr. L. B. Horton in the face. It also bit several dogs before it could be captured and confined. The mad dog was held for several days. Last Friday the dog's head was expressed to the Health Department at Richmond for examination. Saturday evening a telegram was received from the Health Department stating that the dog unquestionably had hydrophobia. Dr. Horton and Mr. Wisley left yesterday evening with their little sons for Richmond to have them treated at the Pasteur Institute. Every dog in the town is confined, and the authorities are taking every precaution.

**ITCHING ECZEMA WASHED AWAY**

Is It Worth 25 Cents to You to Be Cured of That Terrible Skin Disease?

Is it worth 25 cents to you to stop that awful, agonizing itch? Surely you will spend 25 cents on your druggist's recommendation, to cool and heal and soothe that terrible itching eruption.

By arrangement with the D. D. Laboratories of Chicago, we are able to make a special offer of a 25-cent bottle of their oil of wintergreen compound, known as D. D. D. Prescription. Call or write or telephone to Owens & Minor Drug Co.

We absolutely know that the itch is stopped AT ONCE by D. D. D. Prescription, and the cures all seem to be permanent.

**Wonderfully Choice Colonial Suits in Dining Room and Bed Room Effects**

Are being shown this week. You can satisfy your most exacting fancy, too.

We can truly say that in Colonial and all other effects we have on our floors now, ready for instant delivery, the choicest and largest selection of Furniture ever gotten together in the South.

Come to see us. The trip will be inspirational.

**Sydnor & Hundley, Inc.**

"Furniture for the Home Beautiful."

709-11-13 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Va.

## NEGRO BURGLAR ALMOST CAUGHT

Marshal Booker's Revolver Misses Fire, and "Barefoot" Robber Gets Away.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., November 1.—The "barefoot" burglar, who has been operating in this vicinity for two years, came face to face with Marshal Booker at the latter's home in Hampton early this morning, but escaped when Mr. Booker's revolver failed to fire.

Mr. Booker and his wife were awakened by the smell of smoke in the house, and the former took his revolver and went downstairs, while Mrs. Booker went into her daughter's room. When Mr. Booker turned a switch, lighting up the entire house, Mrs. Booker saw a big burly negro, the foot of her daughter's bed. She screamed and the man darted out of the door and down the stairs.

Mr. Booker was at the foot of the stairs when the negro started down, jumping several steps at a time. As he was taken from the bottom in a heap, Booker attempted to fire, but his revolver failed to respond. Quick as a flash, the negro was up again, and escaped through the back door, and was lost in the darkness along the shore of Hampton Creek.

Before this the burglar had robbed the homes of Rev. G. W. Wray and Harry Kimberly. He secured nothing of particular value at either place. Mr. Wray's double-barreled shotgun was taken from his room and deposited in a woodshed in the rear of the house. Barefoot prints were found around all of the houses, and half-burned cigarettes were left in all of the rooms entered.

**FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM.**

**Sudden Death of S. H. Johnson, of North Emporia.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
EMPORIA, Va., November 1.—S. H. Johnson, a North Emporia merchant, was found dead by his wife in his room last night about 10 o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mr. Johnson retired to his chamber, presumably for a short rest. His family did not attempt to disturb the supposed sleeping man until late in the night, when they could not arouse him. The door leading to his chamber was broken in, and lying upon the bed, the dead body was found. Mr. Johnson's death is a peculiarly sad one. He was one of the most respected citizens of this city. He was about fifty years of age and leaves a wife and three children, who reside here.

Mr. Johnson was for some time an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway in its construction department, and within the past few months resigned the position in order to be near his interests here.

The remains will be taken to Murfreesboro, N. C., to-morrow for interment.

**COTTON AND YARN.**

North Carolina Cotton Men Seek to Establish Subsidy Between Prices.  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., November 1.—For the purpose of ascertaining if a parity cannot be established between the price of cotton and the selling price of yarn, a committee, representing the North Carolina cotton manufac-

ture, will leave for New York City Thursday to hold a conference with the yarn commission men.

C. E. Hutchinson, of the Nims and Woodlawn Mills, of Mount Holly, is chairman of the committee, and he will select the other members.

The mill men believe that the commission men, who hold a strategic position between the manufacturers and the buyers, can aid the Southern mill in putting yarns on a more profitable basis, the selling price at this time being ruinous to the manufacturers.

**A HAPPY HOME**

Is one where health abounds. With impure blood there cannot be good health.

With a disordered LIVER there cannot be good blood.

revivify the torpid LIVER and restore its natural action.

A healthy LIVER means pure blood.

Pure blood means health.

Health means happiness.

Take no Substitute. All Druggists.

**Tutt's Pills**

ing the North Carolina cotton manufac-

ture, will leave for New York City Thursday to hold a conference with the yarn commission men.

C. E. Hutchinson, of the Nims and Woodlawn Mills, of Mount Holly, is chairman of the committee, and he will select the other members.

The mill men believe that the commission men, who hold a strategic position between the manufacturers and the buyers, can aid the Southern mill in putting yarns on a more profitable basis, the selling price at this time being ruinous to the manufacturers.

**SAUER'S**

THE BEST FLAVORING EXTRACTS BY EVERY TEST

AT YOUR GROCER 10¢-25¢

**COUGH SYRUP**

Are annoying to yourself and others. They are harmful, producing intense irritation of the parts affected. Bronchial diseases are frequently the result of a neglected cough.

**Polk Miller Drug Co.,**  
834 East Main.

**RETAIL MEN'S CLOTHING SALESMAN**

Exceptional opportunity offered to ambitious salesman, with good following, to start business for himself. For particulars apply to H. A. L. care LORD & THOMAS, 250 Fifth Ave., New York City.

All communications strictly confidential.

**DROPSY** Cured, acute, chronic, removed in 40 days effects permanent. Trial given free to sufferers; nothing but DR. H. H. GREEN'S BLOOD PURIFIER.

**THE APPROVAL**  
of the most  
**EMINENT PHYSICIANS**  
and its  
**WORLD-WIDE ACCEPTANCE**  
by the  
**WELL-INFORMED,**  
**BECAUSE ITS COMPONENT PARTS ARE KNOWN TO BE MOST WHOLESOME AND TRULY BENEFICIAL IN EFFECT, HAVE GIVEN TO**  
**Syrup of Figs**  
and  
**ELIXIR OF SENNA**  
**THE FIRST POSITION AMONG FAMILY LAXATIVES AND HAVE LED TO ITS GENERAL USAGE WITH THE MOST UNIVERSAL SATISFACTION.**  
**TO GET ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS, ALWAYS BUY THE GENUINE, MANUFACTURED BY THE CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. FOR SALE BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS ONE SIZE ONLY, REGULAR PRICE 50¢ PER BOTTLE**

**Syrup of Figs and ELIXIR OF SENNA**  
**THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GENUINE**  
**IS MANUFACTURED BY THE**  
**California Fig Syrup Co.**

**Do You Know**

**THE MERIT OF**

**Nelson Shoes?**

They are artistic in design, natty in appearance and comfortable to wear, because every pair is made by the hand-sewed process (shoes at four and five dollars can be no better made), and they wear, because only the best leathers are used in them; and they cost only

**\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50**

Try a Pair.

**The Nelson Shoe Co.**

417 E. Broad Street.

**COAL**

**October Specials:**

"White Oak" Smokeless Lump Coal—\$4.50 per ton, delivered.

"White Oak" Smokeless Egg Coal—\$4.50 per ton, delivered.

"White Oak" Smokeless Run-of-Mine special prices.

West Virginia Eureka Block Splint—\$4.00 per ton, delivered.

Pennsylvania Anthracite, all size—\$6.00 per ton, delivered.

Pine Wood (sawed), \$5.50 per cord, delivered.

Oak Wood (sawed), \$6.00 per cord, delivered.

NOW is the time to save money.

**White Oak Coal Company**

Phone 2682.

**COUGHS**

Are annoying to yourself and others. They are harmful, producing intense irritation of the parts affected. Bronchial diseases are frequently the result of a neglected cough.

**Polk Miller Drug Co.,**  
834 East Main.

**RETAIL MEN'S CLOTHING SALESMAN**

Exceptional opportunity offered to ambitious salesman, with good following, to start business for himself. For particulars apply to H. A. L. care LORD & THOMAS, 250 Fifth Ave., New York City.

All communications strictly confidential.

**DROPSY** Cured, acute, chronic, removed in 40 days effects permanent. Trial given free to sufferers; nothing but DR. H. H. GREEN'S BLOOD PURIFIER.

**SAUER'S**

THE BEST FLAVORING EXTRACTS BY EVERY TEST

AT YOUR GROCER 10¢-25¢

**COUGH SYRUP**

Are annoying to yourself and others. They are harmful, producing intense irritation of the parts affected. Bronchial diseases are frequently the result of a neglected cough.

**Polk Miller Drug Co.,**  
834 East Main.

**RETAIL MEN'S CLOTHING SALESMAN**

Exceptional opportunity offered to ambitious salesman, with good following, to start business for himself. For particulars apply to H. A. L. care LORD & THOMAS, 250 Fifth Ave., New York City.

All communications strictly confidential.

**DROPSY** Cured, acute, chronic, removed in 40 days effects permanent. Trial given free to sufferers; nothing but DR. H. H. GREEN'S BLOOD PURIFIER.

## Say It!

Headaches. Bilioussness. Constipation. Ayer's Pills. Sugar-coated. Easy to take. Don't forget.

If your doctor says this is all right, then say it over and over again.

J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

## Anderson's

Are Offering a Specialty in

**Portieres,**

**\$5.00**

**PAIR.**

Mercedized Tapestries, in solid colors of red, green and brown. There isn't a better value in Richmond than these Portieres.

Other splendid values up to \$25.00.

Bear in mind that we are specialists in

**Carpets**

**and Rugs**

Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12 feet, for \$15.00 are among the big values in this stock.

**Geo. W. Anderson & Sons,**

215 E. Broad Street.